

Message Text

PAGE 01 STATE 118826 TOSEC 010158

63

ORIGIN PRS-01

INFO OCT-01 SS-15 ISO-00 NSC-05 NSCE-00 SSO-00 CCO-00 /022 R

DRAFTED BY S/PRS: SWAGENSEIL:MG

APPROVED BY S/PRS - ROBERT L. FUNSETH

S/S - MR. MOFFAT

----- 000870

P 212031Z MAY 75 ZFF4

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USDEL SECRETARY PRIORITY

UNCLAS STATE 118826 TOSEC 010158

E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS:SOPN

SUBJECT:TRAVELING PRESS REPORTAGE, MAY 21, 1975, MORNING

FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM FUNSETH, S/PRS

NO. 8

SUMMARY: A MIXTURE OF STORIES AS SECRETARY MOVES FROM ONE TOPIC AND ONE CITY TO ANOTHER. LEADS INCLUDE SALT, ME, MEETINGS WITH FRG AND PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS, AND SPEECH IN BERLIN. END SUMMARY.

1. WALL STJOURNAL - MILLER FROM VIENNA SAYS HAK AND GROMYKO AGREED ON LITTLE ELSE THAN TO MEET AGAIN IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS. LACK OF AGREEMENT ON ME DID NOT UPSET U.S. SIDE, WHICH PREFERS TO WAIT UNTIL PRESIDENT HAS SEEN SADAT AND RABIN. LACK OF AGREEMENT ON SALT "WAS SOMETHING ELSE," AS ISSUE OF VERIFICATION REMAINED UNRESOLVED. "THE SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL, WHO CAN'T BE IDENTIFIED UNDER GROUND RULES SET BY MR. KISSINGER, INSISTED IT IS STILL LIKELY A DETAILED SALT AGREEMENT WILL BE READY FOR SIGNING AT A SCHEDULED SUMMIT MEETING THIS FALL ..." TECHNICAL NEGOTIATIONS RESUME NEXT MONTH. U.S. OFFICIALS REFUSED TO DETAIL THE PROGRESS THEY INDICATED. HAK AND GROMYKO WILL PROBABLY MEET IN JULY, WHEN BOTH SALT AND THE ME WILL BE BACK ON THE AGENDA. "BY THEN, MUCH MORE MOVE-
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 118826 TOSEC 010158

MENT MAY BE NECESSARY ON BOTH ISSUES, OR THE SALT-RELATED

SUMMIT MEETING COULD BE THREATENED AND THE MULTINATION MIDEAST CONFERENCE THE U.S. DOESN'T WANT COULD BE HARDER

TO AVOID."

2. WASHPOST - MARDER FROM VIENNA SAYS HAK AND GROMYKO "MADE MARGINAL PROGRESS" ON TALKS AND AGREED TO MEET SOON, PROBABLY IN JULY. SECOND TALKS PLANNED TO PERMIT DECISIONS ON ME AFTER FORD MEETS SADAT, RABIN. "AMERICAN SOURCES SAID TODAY THAT GROMYKO GAVE THEM THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS PREPARED TO 'EXPLORE A COOPERATIVE APPROACH' WITH THE U.S. IN RESOLVING THE ME DILEMMA AT GENEVA." THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF WHO MIGHT PARTICIPATE AT GENEVA AND PROCEDURES FOR THE MEETING. OFFICIALS DENIED THAT MEANT AN OPENING SEAT FOR THE PLO, SAYING U.S. REMAINS OPPOSED TO SEATING PLO, ESPECIALLY AS LONG AS IT IS COMMITTED TO DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL. GENEVA CONFERENCE PROBABLY IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER.

ON SALT, PROGRESS ON LESSER ITEMS REPORTED. WRITTEN STATEMENT WAS GUARDEDLY PHRASED, BUT HAK WAS MORE POSITIVE ORALLY.

3. NYTIMES - GELB FROM BONN SAYS FLYING REPORTERS TOLD HAK AND GROMYKO "AGREED TO TRY TO COOPERATE ON A FRAMEWORK FOR RECONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE," THOUGH THE AGREEMENT REMAINED TO BE TESTED AND NO DETAILS WERE DISCUSSED. JULY MEETING TO DISCUSS DETAILS MENTIONED. PROGRESS ON SALT REPORTED TOO, WITHOUT SPECIFIC INFORMATION. "WITH REGARD TO THE ME CONFERENCE, NEWSMEN WERE INFORMED THAT MR. GROMYKO HAD REITERATED THAT THE PLO MUST PARTICIPATE, BUT HE SAID TO BE FLEXIBLE ON THE TIMING OF THAT PARTICIPATION.

4. KEN FREED, AP, FROM BONN - AFTER TWO DAYS OF HARD DISCUSSIONS IN VIENNA WITH SOVIET FM GROMYKO, SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER FLEW TO BONN TUESDAY LOOKING FORWARD TO A RESTFUL OVER-NIGHT STOP WITH ONLY A SMALL AMOUNT OF BUSINESS TO BE DONE WITH GERMAN LEADERS. HOWEVER, GERMAN FM GENSCHER SUGGESTED TO HAK THAT HE TAKE UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 STATE 118826 TOSEC 010158

ADVANTAGE OF THE PRESENCE IN BONN OF PORTUGUESE FM ANTUNES. A MEETING WAS ARRANGED AND HAK INVITED THE PORTUGUESE OFFICIAL TO HIS GUEST HOUSE JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT BONN TIME. THE DISCUSSIONS WERE TO TOUCH ON THE TOUCHY RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND THE NEW LEFT LEANING GOVERNMENT IN LISBON, PARTICULARLY AS IT AFFECTS NATO.

5. MARVIN KALB, CBS FROM WBERLIN - (TV AND RADIO) HAK FLEW INTO WBERLIN AND FROM THE SAME CITY HALL WHERE PRES

KENNEDY SPOKE IN 1961 PROCLAIMING, "I AM A BERLINER" IN BROKEN GERMAN. THE SECRETARY PROCLAIMED IN ENGLISH

THAT THE SECURITY OF WBERLIN REMAINS A VITAL INTEREST OF THE U.S. HAK REVIEWED A GUARD OF HONOR AT THE U.S. COMMAND BERLIN WHERE MORE THAN 6,000 TROOPS ARE BASED TO BACK UP THAT KISSINGER VERBAL COMMITMENT, THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS, ONE SPECIAL FORCES BATTALION PLUS A SIZEABLE AIR FORCE CONTINGENT. HAK KEPT REPEATING THE SAME STRONG COMMITMENT TO THE SECURITY OF WBERLIN REGARDLESS OF HIS AUDIENCE. DURING THE PEP-TALK TO THE AMERICANS WORKING IN HIS DIVIDED CITY, HAK SAID THE U.S. WILL NEVER SACRIFICE THE VALUES AND PRINCIPLES OF ITS ALLIES. HE CAME HERE DESPITE A VERY STRONG RUSSIAN PROTEST TO UNDERSCORE THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT.

6. WALKER (ABC) FROM NYC WITH HAK FROM WBERLIN - SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IN WEST BERLIN THIS MORNING REAFFIRMED THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO THE ISOLATED CITY. HAK TOLD THE WEST BERLIN PARLIAMENT:

HAK: ONLY IF BERLIN FLOURISHES WILL DETENTE FLOURISH. ONLY IF YOU ARE SECURE WILL EUROPE BE SECURE. THIS HAS BEEN AMERICA'S ATTITUDE FOR THIRTY YEARS. THIS ATTITUDE HAS NOT CHANGED. ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT FORD AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I HAVE COME HERE TO REAFFIRM OUR HISTORIC RELATIONSHIP TODAY.

7. WIRE SERVICES: ALL THREE REPORT ON HAK SPEECH AT WBERLIN SENAT, CITING AT LENGTH REAFFIRMATION OF LINKS BETWEEN BERLIN AND U.S., DETENTE; AND SAYING THAT UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 STATE 118826 TOSEC 010158

QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE STRICTLY IMPLEMENTED. THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE TO PEACE IN THE THERMNUCLEAR AGE. BERLIN IS THE ACID-TEST OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS.

INGERSOLL

UNCLASSIFIED

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 26 AUG 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, MINISTERIAL VISITS, TOSEC 10158
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 21 MAY 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975STATE118826
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: S/PRS: SWAGENSEIL:MG
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: n/a
Film Number: D750178-0820
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t197505103/baaaakim.tel
Line Count: 148
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, TEXT ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN PRS
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags: ANOMALY
Review Date: 30 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <30 JUL 2003 by BalzMJ>; APPROVED <26 JAN 2004 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: n/a
TAGS: SOPN, OVIP, (KISSINGER, HENRY A)
To: SECRETARY
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006